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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE STSC -- DEVELOPMENTS OF FEB. 15.

1. AT FEB. 15, A.M. SESSION OF OUTER SPACE STSC, UNDER AGENDA
ITEM III ON GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY
FRANCE, UK, SWEDEN, CANADA, USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR AND UNESCO.

2. AT AFTERNOON SESSION STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY IAF, FAI AND
THE RUMANIAN DEL.

3. FRANCE: FRENCH REP (SICE) REVIEWED 1976 ACTIVITIES INCLUDING
FRENCH-GERMAN SYMPHONIE PROGRAM. HE NOTED THAT THERE STILL IS NO
DEFINITION OF BOUNDARY OF OUTER SPACE, AND OBSERVED THAT
RECENTLY CONCLUDED WARC MEETING IN GENEVA MAY CONTAIN SOME
VALUABLE LESSONS. ON REMOTE SENSING, FRENCH BELIEVE DECISIONS ON
TECHNICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS MUST GO HAND IN HAND WITH ANY
AGREEMENT ON LEGAL PRINCIPLES. SICE THEN INTRODUCED FRENCH WORKING
PAPER ON DEFINITION OF DATE (SEE USUN 440). FRANCE HOLDS THAT UN
CAN PLAY COORDINATING ROLE IN REMOTE SENSING FIELD BY DEVELOPING
CATALOGUE ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND FACILITIES. CLAIMED
EXISTING UN FORUMS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE
UN ACTIVITIES IN OUTER SPACE FIELD.

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4. UK; (CLARK) SUMMARIZED UK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS, EMPHASISED
UK ROLE IN NASA AND ESA PROGRAMS, AND DESCRIBED MARKED INCREASE
IN LANDSAT DATA USE IN UK DURING 1976. PROPOSED THAT REMOTE
SENSING TO MONITOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION BE CONSIDERED FOR
INCLUSION ON NEXT YEAR'S STSC AGENDA, AND REQUESTED
SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT. ON SPACE CONFERENCE,

UK BELIEVES SPACE ISSUES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT 1979 UNCSTD RATHER THAN AT SEPARATE CONFERENCE. EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT IS PREMATURE FOR STSC TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF SOLAR ENERGY THROUGH SPACE TECHNOLOGY.

5. SWEDEN: (BERG) REVIEWED ACHIEVEMENTS IN 1976, NOTED THAT NORDIC DBS SYSTEM IS UNDER STUDY AND THE ESA EARTHNET WILL INCLUDE EARTH STATION AT KIRUNA, SWEDEN. STATED THAT STSC COULD PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN IDENTIFYING AND FOCUSING ON UNRESOLVED LEGAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMS IN REMOTE SENSING. ON APPLICATION OF REMOTE SENSING, SWEDEN FAVORS AN INCREASED UN COORDINATING ROLE IN INTRA-REGIONAL COOPERATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. CANADA: (REJHON) SAID CANAD PRESENTLY CONDUCTING BROAD REVIEW OF NATIONAL SPACE PROGRAM POLICY WITH FOCUS ON EARTH-ORIENTED APPLICATIONS. CANADA IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING A BROAD BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO OUTER SPACE RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS. PRAISING LANDSAT AS EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF US/CANADIAN BILATERAL COOPERATION, REJHON SAID THIS COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IS VITAL TO CANADIAN SPACE EFFORTS AND PLANNING. CANADA BELIVES THAT PEACEFUL USE OF OUTER SPACE IMPLIES PURSUIT OF ACTIVITIES "BENEFICIAL TO ALL." CANADA STILL HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT SEPARATE OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE AND BELIEVES 1979 UNCSTD WILL TAKE UP MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES IN THIS FIELD.

7. USSR: (FEDOROV) USED FIRST 10 MINUTES OF LENGTHY 45-MINUTE STATEMENT TO HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE AND POSITIVE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF LAST TWO YEARS FOR OUTER SPACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIVITIES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT FROM SOVIET VIEWPOINT THE SUCCESS OF DETENTE POLICIES, AS OUTLINED BY BREZHNEV AT THE 24TH AND 25TH CPSU CONGRESSES, WAS THE FUNDAMENTAL PREREQUISITE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN OUTER SPACE AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC FIELDS. FEDOROW THEN LAUNCHED INTO A LENGTHY CATALOGUE OF SOVIET SPACE ACTIVITIES IN 1976 WITH RECURRENT EMPHASIS ON ITS PARTICIPATION IN OPERATIONAL AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. WHILE MUCH OF THIS LIST DESCRIBES SOVIET PROGRAMS INVOLVING OTHER COMMUNIST STATES, FEDOROV ALSO HIGHLIGHTED JOINT US-SOVIET ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS PROGRAMS WITH PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, FRANCE AND ESA. FEDOROW CONCLUDED BY REITERATING VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND NOTED USSR READINESS TO COOPERATE IN SPACE MATTERS.

8. GDR: (KLEINPETER) NOTED THAT HIGHLIGHT OF 1976 GDR SPACE ACTIVITY WAS ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE SOYUS-22 SPACE MISSION (REMOTE SENSING). ON THE ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF REMOTE SENSING MUST BE CLARIFIED BEFORE ORGANIZATIONA-INFORMATIONAL MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED. NOTED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL INTRODUCED AT 1976 STSC, WHICH ATTEMPTED TO DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN "GLOBAL AND

LOCAL" DATA, COULD PROVIDE A CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS FOR CONSIDERING THIS MATTER FURTHER. NEW SOVIET WORKING PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT RELEASED FEB. 16 BEING TRANSMITTED TO DEPT. BY LDX.

9. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: (BUMBA) LIMITED HIMSELF TO DESCRIPTION OF 1976 SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES WITHOUT DISCUSSING SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS.

10. UNESCO: (LENJE) REVIEWED ITS PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INDICATED THAT UNESCO WAS PREPARED TO EXTEND ITS ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

11. IAF: (JAFJE) READ USEFUL PAPER ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOR VIEWGRAPHS HEAVILY EMPHASIZING EMERGENCE OF THE SHUTTLE.

12. FAO: (BROWN) NOTED EXTENSIVE USE OF AND INTEREST IN REMOTE SENSING.

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13. ROMANIA: (MANDESCU) ANNOUNCED DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH GROUND STATION TO RECEIVE DATA FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES. REITERATED NEED TO RESPECT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.
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